



May 13, 2026

President Neeli Bendapudi  
Pennsylvania State University

Dear President Bendapudi:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met May 5, 2026, in Washington, D.C., and voted 17-0 that the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications receive reaccreditation for all academic programs under review. There were two recusals for conflicts of interest. Interim Dean Denise Bortree was present.

The Council concurred with the site team and Committee recommendations for reaccreditation.

We will be in touch with the school's director about the next visit, scheduled for the 2031-32 academic year.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate with your faculty and administrators in the assessment of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications. The goal of the Accrediting Council's assessment is to help improve the quality of education a program offers to its students. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for success for the program, its students, faculty, and the professional media constituencies it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Geimann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Steve Geimann  
ACEJMC President

cc: Denise Bortree, Interim Dean  
Jennifer Sizemore, Site Team Chair  
Rafael Lorente, Chair, Accrediting Committee  
Susan Walton, Executive Director, ACEJMC  
Darren Phillips, Associate Executive Director, ACEJMC